

GENERAL ORDERS, }
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WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
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The President of the United States having directed an increase of the Regular Army of the United States by the addition of eight regiments of Infantry, one regiment of Cavalry, and one regiment of Artillery, making a minimum aggregate of 18,154 officers and enlisted men, to be augmented, at the discretion of the President, to a maximum aggregate of 22,714 officers and enlisted men, the following Plan of Organization has been adopted, and is directed to be printed for general information.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

For the increase of the force of the Regular Army of the United States, as directed by the President.

1. INFANTRY.

Eight regiments of Infantry, in addition to those now in service, will be raised.

Each regiment will consist of two or more battalions.

Each battalion will consist of eight companies.

Each company will be organized as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
1 Captain.	1 Captain.
1 1st Lieutenant.	1 1st Lieutenant.
1 2d Lieutenant.	1 2d Lieutenant.
1 1st Sergeant.	1 1st Sergeant.
4 Sergeants.	4 Sergeants.
8 Corporals.	8 Corporals.
2 Musicians.	2 Musicians.
64 Privates.	82 Privates.
<hr/> 82 Aggregate. <hr/>	<hr/> 100 Aggregate. <hr/>

Each battalion will be organized as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
656 Company officers and enlisted men.	800 Company officers and enlisted men.
1 Major.	1 Major.
1 Battalion Adjutant, (a Lt.)	1 Battalion Adjutant, (a Lt.)
1 Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)	1 Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)

1 Sergeant Major.
 1 Quartermaster Sergeant.
 1 Commissary Sergeant.
 1 Hospital Steward.

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807 Aggregate.

Each regiment will be organized, supposing three battalions to constitute a regiment, as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
1,989 Battalion officers and enlisted men,	2,421 Battalion officers and enlisted men.
1 Colonel.	1 Colonel.
1 Lieutenant-Colonel.	1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
1 Regimental Adjutant, (a Lieutenant.)	1 Regimental Adjutant, (a Lieutenant.)
1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)	1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)
1 Drum Major.	1 Drum Major.
2 Principal Musicians.	2 Principal Musicians.
24 Musicians for Band.	24 Musicians for Band.
<hr/> 2,020 Aggregate. <hr/>	<hr/> 2,452 Aggregate. <hr/>

2. CAVALRY.

One additional Regiment of Cavalry will also be raised, and will consist of three battalions. Each battalion will consist of two squadrons, and each squadron will consist of two companies, each of which will be organized as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
1 Captain.	1 Captain.
1 First Lieutenant.	1 First Lieutenant.
1 Second Lieutenant.	1 Second Lieutenant.
1 First Sergeant.	1 First Sergeant.
1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant.	1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant.
4 Sergeants.	4 Sergeants.
8 Corporals.	8 Corporals.

2 Musicians.	2 Musicians.
2 Farriers.	2 Farriers.
1 Saddler.	1 Saddler.
1 Wagoner.	1 Wagoner.
56 Privates.	72 Privates.
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79 Aggregate.	95 Aggregate.
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Each battalion will be organized as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
316 Company officers and enlisted men.	380 Company officers and enlisted men.
1 Major.	1 Major.
1 Battalion Adjutant.	1 Battalion Adjutant.
1 Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)	1 Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieutenant.)
1 Sergeant Major.	1 Sergeant Major.
1 Quartermaster Sergeant.	1 Quartermaster Sergeant.
1 Commissary Sergeant.	1 Commissary Sergeant.
1 Hospital Steward.	1 Hospital Steward.
1 Saddler Sergeant.	1 Saddler Sergeant.
1 Veterinary Sergeant.	1 Veterinary Sergeant.
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325 Aggregate.	389 Aggregate.
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Each regiment will consist of two or more battalions, organized, when consisting of three battalions to a regiment, as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
975 Battalion officers and enlisted men.	1,167 Battalion officers and enlisted men.
1 Colonel.	1 Colonel.
1 Lieutenant-Colonel.	1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
1 Regimental Adj't, (Lieut.)	1 Regimental Adj't, (Lieut.)
1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (Lieut.)	1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (Lieut.)
2 Chief Buglers.	2 Chief Buglers.
16 Musicians for Band.	16 Musicians for Band.
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997 Aggregate.	1,189 Aggregate.
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3. ARTILLERY.

One additional regiment of Artillery will be raised, and will consist of 8 or 12 batteries, and each battery will be organized as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
1 Captain.	1 Captain.
1 First Lieutenant.	2 First Lieutenants.
1 Second Lieutenant.	2 Second Lieutenants.
1 First Sergeant.	1 First Sergeant.
1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant.	1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant.
4 Sergeants.	6 Sergeants.
8 Corporals.	12 Corporals.
2 Musicians.	2 Musicians.
2 Artificers.	6 Artificers.
1 Wagoner.	1 Wagoner.
58 Privates.	122 Privates.
<hr/> 80 Aggregate. <hr/>	<hr/> 156 Aggregate. <hr/>

The regiment will be organized, supposing it to consist of twelve batteries, as follows:

Minimum.	Maximum.
960 Company officers and enlisted men.	1,872 Company officers and enlisted men.
1 Colonel.	1 Colonel.
1 Lieutenant-Colonel.	1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
3 Majors.	3 Majors.
1 Adjutant.	1 Adjutant.
1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieut.)	1 Regimental Quartermaster and Commissary, (a Lieut.)
1 Sergeant Major.	1 Sergeant Major.
1 Quartermaster Sergeant.	1 Quartermaster Sergeant.
1 Commissary Sergeant.	1 Commissary Sergeant.
2 Principal Musicians.	2 Principal Musicians.
1 Hospital Steward.	1 Hospital Steward.
24 Musicians for Band.	24 Musicians for Band.
<hr/> 997 Aggregate. <hr/>	<hr/> 1,909 Aggregate. <hr/>

4. GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

This force will be organized into two Divisions of two Brigades each. Each Division will have—

- 1 Major-General.
- 2 Aides-de-Camp, (a Captain or Lieutenant.)
- 1 Assistant Adjutant General, (a Major from the Adjutant General's Department.)
- 1 Quartermaster, (from the Regular Staff of the Army.)
- 1 Commissary of Subsistence, (from the Regular Staff of the Army.)

A Brigade will have—

- 1 Brigadier-General.
- 1 Aide-de-Camp, (a Lieutenant.)
- 1 Assistant Adjutant General, (a Captain from the Adjutant General's Department.)
- 1 Assistant Quartermaster, (a Captain.)
- 1 Assistant Commissary, (a Captain.)

To provide for the foregoing, there will be added to the Adjutant General's Department—

- 1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
- 4 Captains.

And to the Commissary Department—

- 2 Majors.

5. MEMORANDUM.

The officers and enlisted men, raised in pursuance hereof, will receive the same pay, emoluments, and allowances, and be on the same footing, in every respect, with those of corresponding grades and corps now in the service.

The Bands of the regiments of Infantry, Artillery, and Cavalry will be paid as follows: one-fourth of each will receive the pay and allowances of Sergeants of Engineer Soldiers; one-fourth, those of Corporals of Engineer Soldiers; and the remaining half, the pay and allowances of Engineer Soldiers of the 1st class. The wagoners and saddlers will receive the pay and allowances of Corporals of Cavalry. The Battalion Sergeant Major, Quartermaster Sergeant, and Commissary Sergeant, will receive the same pay and allowances as the Sergeant Major of the regiments to which they belong.

The Saddler Sergeants, Veterinary Sergeants, Company Quartermaster Sergeants, and Drum Major, will receive the pay and allowances of Sergeants of Cavalry.

The Battalion Adjutants and Battalion Quartermaster and Commissary will receive the emoluments now provided for Regimental Adjutants.

There will be added to the Quartermaster's Department as many Wagoners, with the pay and allowances of Corporals of Cavalry, and as many Master Wagoners—with the rank, pay, and allowances of Sergeants of Cavalry—as the exigencies of the service, in the judgment of the President, may require.

There will be allowed to each regiment one Chaplain, who will be appointed by the regimental commander, on the vote of the field officers and company commanders on duty with the regiment, at the time the appointment is to be made. The Chaplain so appointed must be a regularly ordained minister of some Christian denomination, and will receive the pay and allowances of a Captain of Cavalry.

6. PROMOTION FROM THE RANKS, ETC.

Two-thirds of the company officers of the Infantry and Cavalry regiments will be appointed in the same manner as the officers of like rank in the existing Army; and the remaining one-third, when a regiment shall have its full complement of enlisted men, will be appointed from the ranks, to be taken from among the Sergeants, on the recommendation of the Colonel of the regiment, approved by the General commanding the brigade.

After the completion of the organization of a regiment of Cavalry or Infantry, one-half of all the vacancies which may occur in the lowest grade of commissioned officers, by promotion or otherwise, will be appointed, as above, from the ranks.

Non-commissioned officers will be appointed by the Colonels of regiments, on the nomination of the Captains, approved by the Majors commanding battalions.

Corporals will be taken from the enlisted men; Sergeants from Corporals.

The First Sergeant will be taken from the other Sergeants of the company by the Captain.

The Battalion non-commissioned Staff will be appointed from the Sergeants of the battalion by the Major commanding.

The Regimental non-commissioned Staff will be appointed from the Sergeants of the regiment by the Colonel.

7. RECAPITULATION.

	Minimum.	Maximum.
Infantry—8 regiments, (3 battalions each)....	16,160	19,616
Cavalry—1 regiment, (6 squadrons).....	997	1,189
Artillery—1 regiment, (12 batteries).....	997	1,909
Aggregate.....	<u>18,154</u>	<u>22,714</u>

BY ORDER:

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